

Hopedale, Mass., March 4. 1879.

Dear Friend Garrison,

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I yesterday received

a copy of the Daily Evening Traveller, dated 27th Feb.; containing your rejoinder to Mr. Blaine's defence of his anti-Chinese vote in answer to your animadversions on that vote. I am sure, from all the indications, that I am indebted to your kindness for this copy of the Traveller and therefore I thank you for the same. But I thank you much more for the just, truthful and noble testimony you have borne, in both original letter and this rejoinder, against this abominable and foolish anti-Chinese Bill, for which Mr. Blaine volunteered his services. If I had not long since lost my ~~so-called~~ idolatry for worldly politicians —, patriotic and statesmen, and pretty much all my trust in the pretensions of

sions of politicians to virtue, I should have been shocked at Blaine's brazen special pleading on the side of the California democrats in support of this Bill. But I have learned to expect so little devotion to absolute righteousness in these professed lovers of their Country, and so much devotion to office, self and popular distinction, that they cannot astonish me by any of their exploits. I have reduced to consistent practice the precept, "Put not your trust in princes". If they do right, I accept it thankfully, as so much good luck or good Providence to mankind. If they play the hypocrite, knave or fool, I deem it no marvel. But I am no misanthropist or pessimist. I do not believe the human race bound to ruin & perdition; though I fear I should, if I had no faith in a supreme overruling all perfect Mind, who carries the counsels of the forward headlong to wholesale reaction, and compels evil against its

own genius to subserve good. Our safety
from the sins and follies of human governmentalists, with their blarney, ballots and bullets,
depends chiefly on that divine overrulement,
which provides that they shall always be
divided against themselves, so that in due
time the riper party is exposed and over-
matched by their less riper rivals. Meantime,
the gullible Multitude are made to believe
that the Millennium has come, or will soon
come, through politicians and warors! Oh how
often the country is saved, or is soon to
be saved, through these Knights errant of
gumption and brute force.

Blair, like Webster of old, has sold himself
for nought. He has not brightened his prospects
for the Presidency, even with the Leavenworths and
hoodlums. Let him play out and subside - talented
as he is. The Chinese are our brethren, and
they are as fit to stay and be decently treated
as their slanders. A very mean selfishness
is at the bottom of all this outcry against

them. No doubt they have their sins and faults, which need correction, but no greater ones than their adversaries. As a people they "have come to stay" not only for their own advantage, but for that of this country and the world. Any how, let them be treated as human brethren. And use to them that persecute them. They will pierce themselves through with sorrows as did the persecutors of the slaves and Indians.

I must not close without a ~~grate~~ful acknowledgement of that very kind, ~~fraternal~~ and encouraging letter from you of Nov. 23. 1878.

O that I were worthy of half, or even a tythe of, the credit you give me. It humbles me to know that I am not. I have desired and perhaps sincerely aimed to do and be what you describe; but my performances, short comings and failures prove me sadly deficient. Nevertheless,

"by the grace of God, I am what I am" and I do not regret trying to be and do what I have for truth, rightness and humanity. You have been successful in your chief life work for humanity. God bless you forevermore. In tolerable health.

Your friend and Brother. Adin Ballou.
With my kind regards in response to yours.